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Milk Production Survey Procedures and Reliability

The Primary data used to determine these estimates were obtained from a sample of producers. Individual states maintain a list of all known milk producers and information on the size of their herd. Generally, all large producers and a sample of small producers are included in the survey. Estimates are prepared by using a combination of survey indications, historic trends and any available administrative data. Since all operations with dairy animals are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors

such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Milk Cows and Production, by Selected States and United States, July-September, 2002 - 2003

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Production ²		Change From 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	20	18	59	53	-10.2
Arkansas	32	29	88	81	-8.0
Georgia	85	85	330	320	-3.0
Kentucky	122	113	371	332	-10.5
Louisiana	50	46	123	109	-11.4
Mississippi	34	30	101	87	-13.9
Missouri	136	128	444	437	-1.6
Oklahoma	88	86	316	316	
South Carolina	20	18	80	65	-18.8
Tennessee	87	78	300	270	-10.0
Texas	308	312	1,202	1,282	6.7
United States	9,153	9,065	41,791	41,540	-0.6

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to October 15,
by State and United States, Crop Years 2000 - 2003**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
All Cotton				
Alabama	211,100	120,450	122,650	118,500
Arizona	152,800	111,550	109,150	74,300
Arkansas	675,900	638,700	348,100	384,100
California	251,000	190,450	157,950	35,450
Florida ¹	20,800	16,500		12,950
Georgia	198,250	256,150	248,300	228,050
Louisiana	648,500	415,650	266,650	514,300
Mississippi	1,068,800	764,750	573,900	872,700
Missouri	258,400	225,750	126,300	89,300
New Mexico ¹	12,500	9,000		1,000
North Carolina	127,150	124,250	116,850	19,950
Oklahoma	50,600	12,850	30,450	13,950
South Carolina	64,000	60,550	18,350	14,200
Tennessee	411,400	319,450	170,950	145,050
Texas	1,775,050	1,342,100	1,217,550	1,303,200
Virginia	4,550	8,150	12,650	0
United States	5,930,800	4,616,300	3,519,550	3,827,000

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

**Mississippi Running Bales of Cotton Ginned Prior to October 1,
by Selected Counties and State, 2002 - 2003**

County	Running Bales Ginned		County	Running Bales Ginned	
	2002	2003		2002	2003
Bolivar	26,600	38,300	Holmes	25,600	25,400
Coahoma	14,400	28,500	Other Counties	3,800	7,300
Tallahatchie	¹	5,850	District 50	29,400	32,700
Tunica	¹	11,850			
Other Counties	7,950	---	District 70	5,450	17,500
District 10	48,950	84,500			
Calhoun	¹	4,150			
Other Counties	---	5,600			
District 20	2,750	9,750			
Humphreys	31,250	¹			
Leflore	34,200	49,500			
Sharkey	18,100	¹			
Sunflower	27,850	55,600			
Washington	32,300	44,850			
Yazoo	42,950	49,750			
District 40	186,650	199,700 ²	State Total	275,700	405,300

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing individual gins.

² Excluded data for Humphreys and Sharkey Counties to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in State total.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, October 1, 2002 - 2003

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	10,885	11,329	104	4,553	5,398	119
East North Central	7,549	8,105	107	5,500	5,899	107
West North Central	17,708	20,763	117	6,299	6,791	108
South Atlantic	218,782	218,252	100	3,739	2,406	64
South Central	314,577	322,240	102	5,241	4,760	91
West	20,621	19,801	96	4,549	4,851	107
United States	590,122	600,490	102	29,881	30,105	101

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Egg Production,
by Selected States and United States, September 2002 - 2003

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	9,989	9,568	50	48	137	131
Arkansas	14,394	14,628	94	94	171	176
Florida	10,654	10,852	213	223	13	8
Georgia	20,237	19,735	237	236	171	166
Mississippi	6,831	6,795	40	41	91	88
North Carolina	10,692	10,442	77	80	126	121
Oklahoma	4,124	4,066	45	43	32	31
South Carolina	5,319	5,322	95	97	18	19
Virginia	2,882	3,022	29	26	27	30
United States	337,264	331,659	6,100	6,038	1,046	1,016

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States,
September 2002 - 2003

State	September			January-September		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	102,721	103,395	101	949,086	928,256	98
Arkansas	104,631	107,587	103	978,678	986,068	101
Florida	7,827	4,801	61	75,077	47,561	63
Georgia	110,622	113,179	102	1,018,962	1,028,080	101
Kentucky	23,318	24,135	104	212,910	216,552	102
Mississippi	66,572	67,410	101	618,108	626,934	101
North Carolina	63,156	59,203	94	607,295	586,746	97
Texas	51,600	51,636	100	494,313	478,792	97
United States	740,396	739,191	100	6,914,509	6,856,636	99

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, September 2002 - 2003

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,418	3,233	1.31	1.34	185	172
Fillets ¹	5,317	5,308	2.54	2.49	405	581
Other ²	1,441	1,473	1.53	1.50	95	117
Total Fresh	10,176	10,014	1.99	1.97	685	870
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,420	1,290	1.82	1.83	766	1,007
Fillets ¹	10,842	10,805	2.41	2.37	6,528	6,130
Other ²	4,060	4,744	1.49	1.38	2,077	2,415
Total Frozen	16,322	16,839	2.13	2.05	9,371	9,552
Total Fresh & Frozen	26,498	26,853	2.07	2.02	10,056	10,422

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excluding any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2002 - 2003

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
January	52,551	55,523	52,551	55,523	.549	.529	1,037	1,322
February	52,856	55,461	105,407	110,984	.555	.544	1,048	260
March	58,340	65,007	163,747	175,991	.565	.585	414	332
April	50,694	57,105	214,441	233,096	.561	.630	618	272
May	52,902	58,424	267,343	291,520	.574	.618	1,491	703
June	49,450	52,441	316,793	343,961	.588	.586	982	893
July	52,363	54,089	369,156	398,050	.590	.564	957	435
August	54,383	54,153	423,539	452,203	.582	.552	632	135
September	53,366	51,885	476,905	504,088	.576	.560	670	
October	56,576		533,481		.568		572	
November	50,072		583,553		.560		874	
December	47,048		630,601		.544		906	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price excludes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

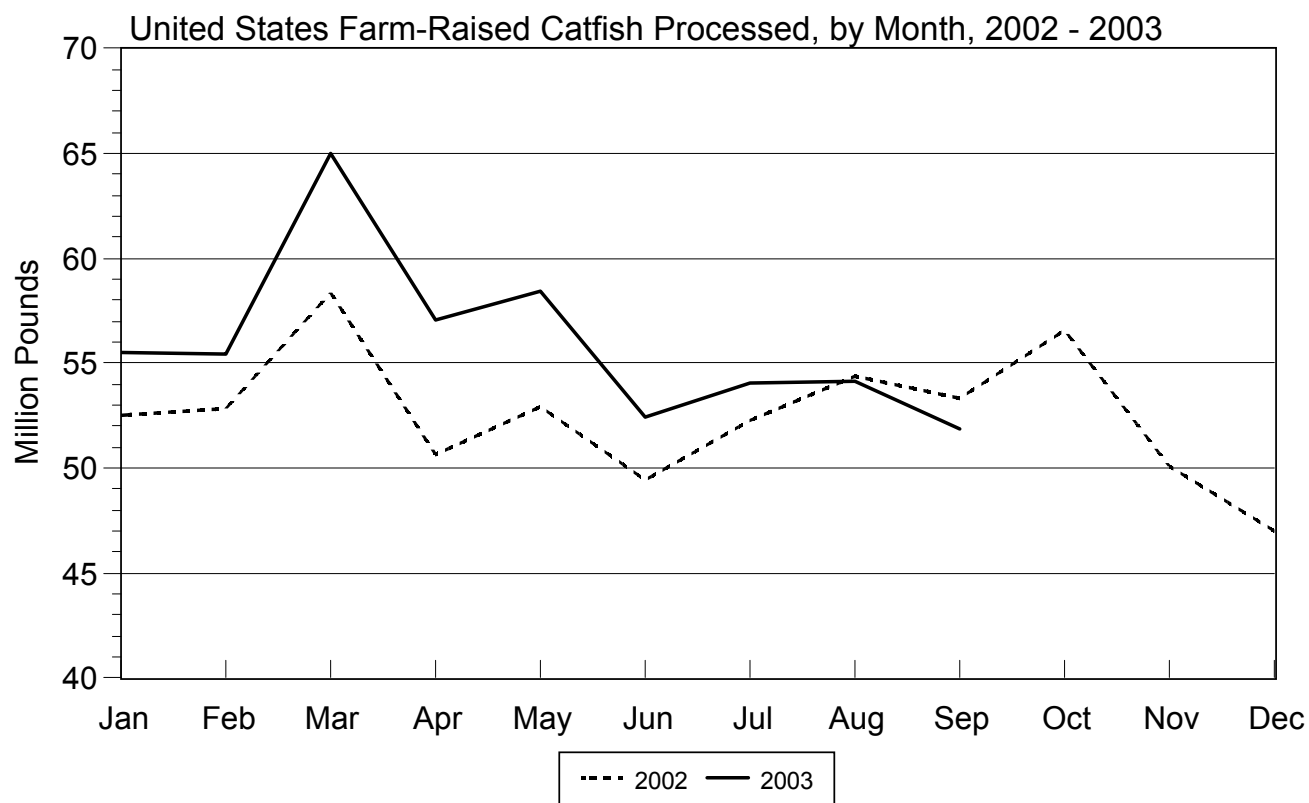
² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States
October 2003 with Comparisons ¹

State	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	September 03 as % of ²	
				September 2002	August 2003
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	4.2	3.2	3.2	77	101
Arkansas	5.2	4.5	5.4	104	121
Florida	5.9	5.3	5.4	91	102
Georgia	19.1	20.3	18.9	99	93
Kentucky	38.6	36.8	42.8	111	116
Louisiana	1.4	1.2	1.3	91	102
Mississippi	23.5	24.8	26.6	113	107
Missouri	35.4	34.0	37.2	105	110
North Carolina	173.8	164.2	176.2	101	107
Oklahoma	76.9	77.2	83.6	109	108
South Carolina	19.2	19.4	20.2	105	104
Tennessee	19.6	18.4	22.0	112	120
Texas	399.4	448.4	441.8	111	99
United States	3,873.2	3,912.9	4,008.0	103	102

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.



Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, October 2003, with Comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100		
	Average 1990-92	2002	2003		2002	2003	
		Oct	Sept	Oct	Oct	Sept	Oct
All Farm Products	639	606	701*	717	95	110*	113
All Crops	500	500	545*	547	101	111*	111
Food Grains	325	407	350*	336	128	110*	106
Feed Grains & Hay	363	377	359*	328	105	100*	92
Cotton	517	333	471*	519	65	92*	101
Tobacco	1,263	1,609	1,635*	1,643	106	108*	109
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	494	530*	633	90	97*	116
Fruits & Nuts	716	856	838*	829	123	120*	119
Commercial Vegetables	698	712	969*	986	106	145*	148
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	467	438*	403	92	86*	80
Other Crops	493	558	567	567	113	115	115
Livestock & Products	768	664	846*	887	87	110*	116
Meat Animals	1,021	857	1,103*	1,175	84	108*	116
Dairy Products	799	744	885*	910	93	110*	113
Poultry & Eggs	282	243	322*	330	86	115*	117
Food Commodities					93	112*	117

* Revised.

Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 2002 and 2003

Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
January	95	100	94	103	96	96	122	126	117	122
February	98	99	101	103	96	95	122	127	117	123
March	105	99	117	106	94	93	123	128	118	124
April	94	101	100	111	89	94	123	128	118	124
May	96	106	104	116	89	97	123	127	118	123
June	97	107	105	117	90	99	123	128	118	123
July	98	105	109	109	88	101	123	127	119	123
August	100	109	113	113	87	106	124	127	120	123
September	98	110	109	111	85	110	124	129	121	125
October	95	113	101	111	87	116	125	130	121	127
November	97		104		89		125		120	
December	100		107		91		125		121	

Projected Percentage of Population by Age Group, Selected Years

Age Group	Share of Population				
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Percent					
0-4	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7
5-9	7.3	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.7
10-14	7.3	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.6
15-19	7.2	7.3	7.2	6.7	6.5
20-29	13.5	13.7	14.0	14.0	13.3
30-44	23.5	21.3	19.4	18.9	19.2
45-64	22.0	24.6	26.2	25.9	24.6
65-74	6.5	6.3	7.0	8.3	9.6
Over 74	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.9

Source: US Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau.

Projected Percentage of Population by Region, Selected Years

Year	Share of Population			
	Northeast	North Central	South	West
Percent				
2000	19.0	22.9	35.6	22.5
2005	18.8	22.3	35.8	23.1
2010	18.4	21.9	36.0	23.7
2015	18.1	21.4	36.1	24.4
2020	17.4	21.1	36.3	25.2

Source: US Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings, United States, October 2003, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	August 2003 ¹	September 2003 ¹	October 2003 ²
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollar/Pound	0.463	0.557	0.614
Marketings ³	1,000 Bales	420	769	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	5.27	6.13	6.52
Marketings ⁴	1,000 Cwt	9,692	15,923	NA

¹ Entire month.

² Based on purchases for the first half of the month.

³ Expanded data from sample of about 65 percent of buyers.

⁴ Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, October 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	October 2002 Entire Month		September 2003 Entire		October 2003 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.34	---	2.20	---	2.02
Cotton, Upland	lb	.430	.394	.588	.557	.624	.614
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	4.33	---	3.97	---	3.72
Soybeans	bu	5.30	5.20	6.19	6.06	6.84	6.94
Winter Wheat	bu	---	4.32	---	3.32	---	3.14
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	3.69	---	6.13	---	6.52
All Milk	cwt	---	12.10	---	14.40	---	14.80
Fluid	cwt	---	12.10	---	14.40	---	14.80
Manufacturing	cwt	---	11.30	---	14.10	---	14.40
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	64.60	---	85.10	---	91.60
Cows	cwt	---	33.60	---	44.90	---	44.70
Calves	cwt	---	92.00	---	109.00	---	112.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	68.60	---	89.40	---	97.40
All Hogs	cwt	---	30.80	---	39.60	---	37.70
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	31.40	---	40.10	---	38.10
Sows	cwt	---	19.20	---	30.80	---	31.10
Broilers, Live	lb	---	0.270	---	0.370	---	0.370
Market Eggs	doz	.360 ²	0.351 ²	.660 ²	0.634 ²	.710	0.703

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Mid-month prices.